Organize…Don't Agonize: Preparing Your Workforce for CDM

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Credit: Natasha Hanacek/NIST

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Today's Webinar Goals

1 Describe methods for maintaining a skilled and sufficient cybersecurity workforce.

2 Answer audience questions during the allotted question and answer time.

We'll answer these questions

► How to conduct an inventory of your workforce (e.g., the kind of data to collect),

► How to identify skill gaps by using the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework, and

► How to get free training for all government staff to address skill gaps.

Workforce Identification, Tracking & Reporting | Career Progression | Standardized Development of Position Descriptions | Human Capital Planning | Training Requirements and Standards | Qualification Requirements

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Today's Speaker: Dan Stein

► Acting Branch Chief, Cybersecurity Education & Awareness for the DHS Stakeholder Engagement and Cyber Infrastructure Resilience (SECIR) Division.

► Former program lead of the National Cybersecurity Education and Training Program (NCTEP).

► Supported DHS's interests in cybersecurity education and training for eight years and active in federal government information security efforts for the past eleven years.

► Holds a Master of Science in national security strategy from the U.S. National War College, as well as degrees from the University of Texas and the University of Rochester.

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Creating a High-Performing Cybersecurity Workforce

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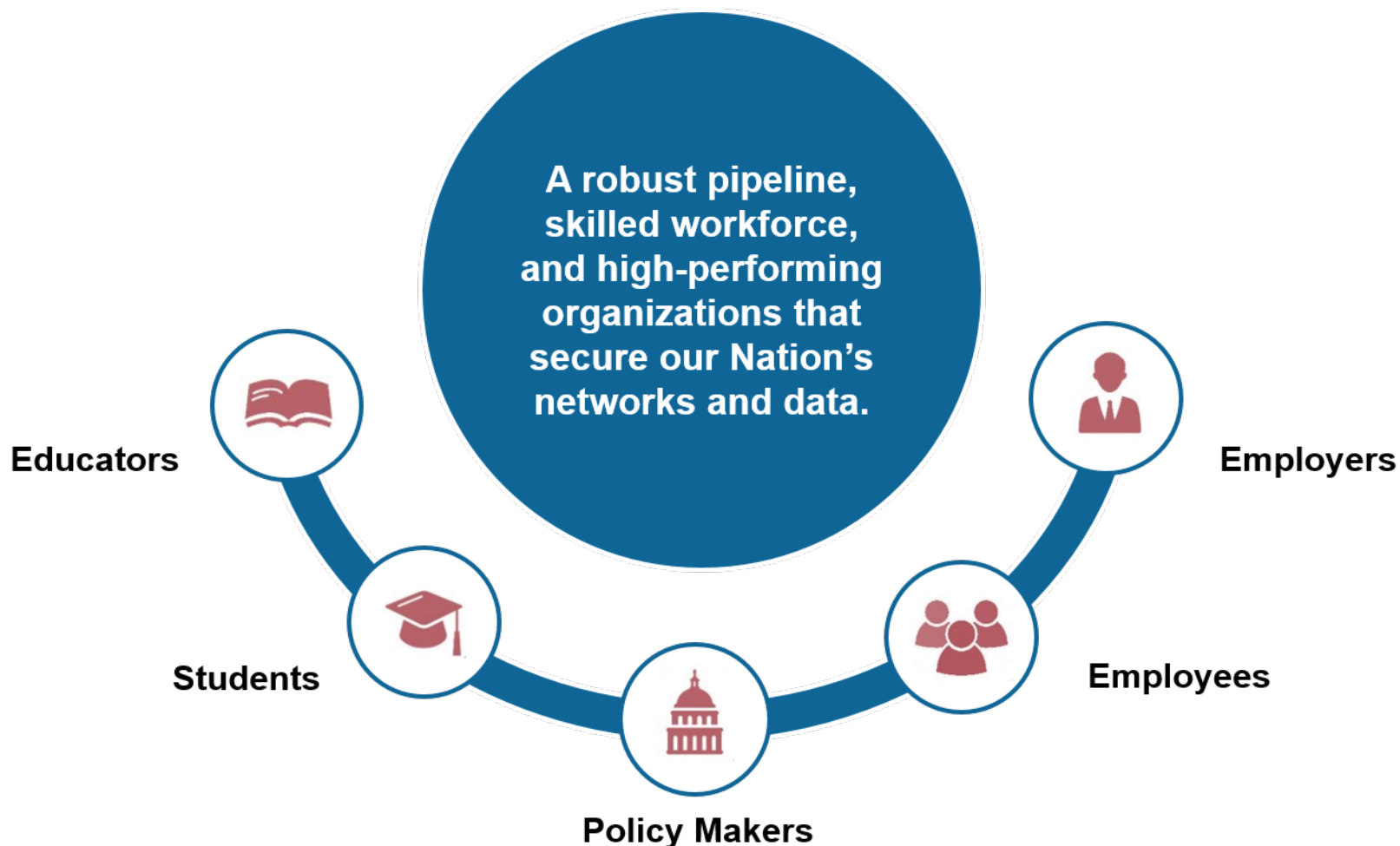National Cybersecurity Education & Awareness Branch (CE&A)

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The Cybersecurity Workforce Challenge

Vision for the Nation's Cybersecurity Workforce

A robust pipeline, skilled workforce, and high-performing organizations that secure our Nation's networks and data.

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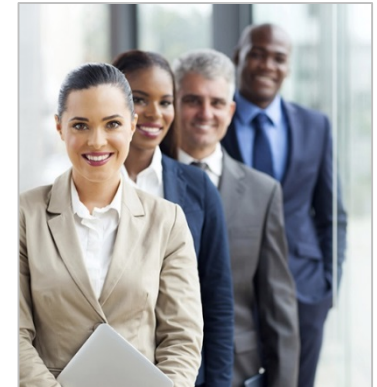Policy Makers

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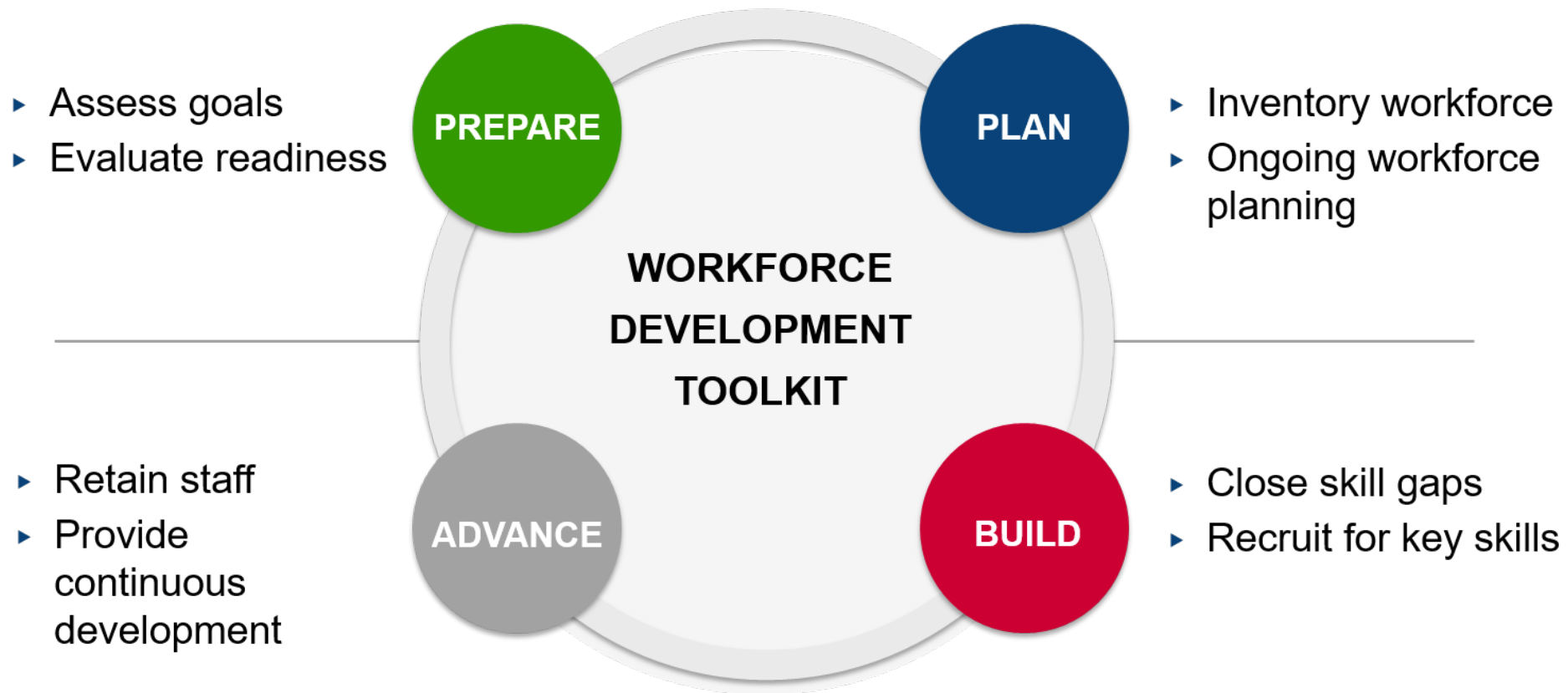Employers

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Key Workforce Challenges

In order to have a ready workforce and robust training program in place, you need to have an action plan that can address potential workforce challenges.

Some key challenges include:

▸ Understanding how to best deploy staff to address the highest priority threats and use real-time data

▸ Establishing practices that best utilize staff and contractors

▸ Executing automated vs. manual tasks

▸ Coding civilian IT & cyber positions (and vacancies) by December 2017 and reporting annually on those positons beginning December 2018 (as mandated by the Federal Cybersecurity Workforce Assessment Act)

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Cybersecurity Workforce Development

- ▸ Assess goals
- ▸ Evaluate readiness

PREPARE

PLAN

- ▸ Inventory workforce
- ▸ Ongoing workforce planning

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT

- ▸ Retain staff
- ▸ Provide continuous development

ADVANCE

BUILD

- ▸ Close skill gaps
- ▸ Recruit for key skills

Cyber Workforce Inventory

To help get started, conduct an inventory of your cybersecurity workforce to address these challenges.

What the Inventory Process does:

▸ Quantifies number of positions, vacancies, types of skills, and duties performed

▸ Enables data-based decision making to:

- Identify skill gaps and personnel shortages

- Allocate personnel and resources

- Standardize position descriptions and performance plans

- Prioritize hiring of critical skills

- Write more accurate contractor requirements

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Conduct the Inventory

Step 1: Collect Supply and Demand Data

Gather the following data about your workforce:

Supply (per position) *	**Demand** (for entire team) *
▸ Skills/Knowledge	▸ Number of hardware items to maintain
▸ Occupational Series	▸ Number of user accounts overseen
▸ Grade/Rank/Band/Level	▸ Number of high-priority threats addressed
▸ Education level	▸ Number of low/medium-priority threats addressed
▸ Certifications	▸ Type of architecture(s) within the enterprise
▸ Retirement Eligibility	▸ Historical number of cyber intrusions/attack
▸ Permanent/Temporary	▸ Number of attack surfaces
▸ Contractor/Federal	▸ Number of external partners
▸ Employee/Military	▸ Number of networks to monitor
▸ Geographical location	▸ Number of individuals with administrator rights

* Based on organizational needs, the following exemplars can be appropriately adjusted.

Use the Collected Data

Step 2: Using the Data

▸ Improve resource allocation

- Efficiently deploy staff to high-priority threats
- Execute manual vs. automated responsibilities

▸ Develop Position Descriptions (PDs)

- Use the NICE Cybersecurity Workforce Framework and PushButtonPD™ Tool
- Update performance plans
- Access the NICCS Training Course Catalog and FedVTE

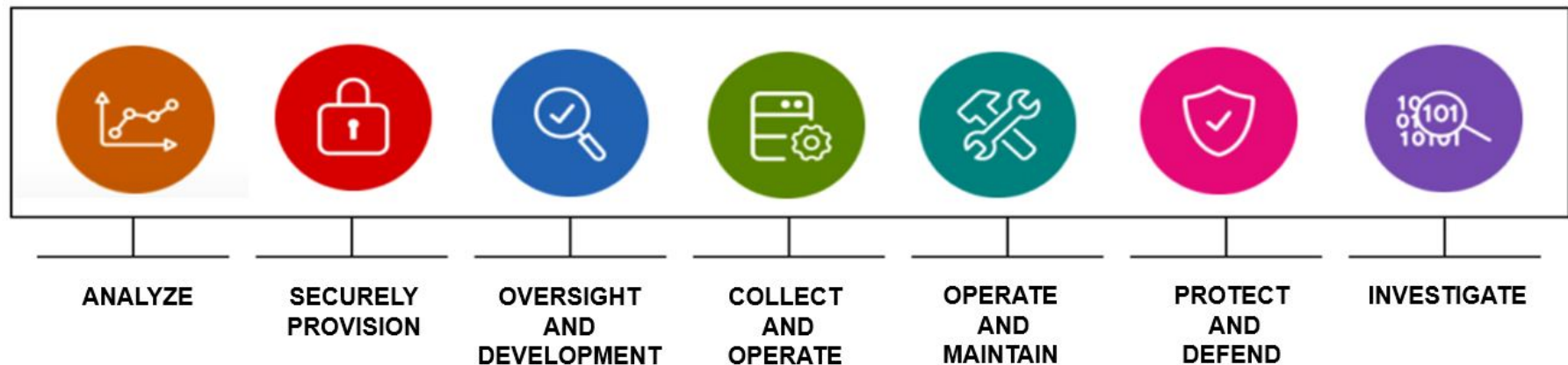▸ Target Hiring

▸ Write more accurate contract requirements

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Foundation for the Cybersecurity Workforce

NICE Cybersecurity Workforce Framework

▸ Describes cybersecurity work
▸ 7 Categories, 30+ Specialty Areas, 50+ Work Roles

| ANALYZE | SECURELY PROVISION | OVERSIGHT AND DEVELOPMENT | COLLECT AND OPERATE | OPERATE AND MAINTAIN | PROTECT AND DEFEND | INVESTIGATE |

PushButtonPD™ Tool

The PushButtonPD™ Tool creates a robust hiring package that can easily be integrated into existing agency HR processes.

By using the Tool, you will:

▸ Identify new skills

▸ Document skill requirements

▸ Draft PDs without needing extensive training or prior knowledge of position classification

▸ Include aligned knowledge, skills, and abilities from the NICE Workforce Framework (the common cybersecurity lexicon) in the PDs

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Cybersecurity Training Catalog

The NICCS Website Training Catalog locates nearby cybersecurity courses, allowing all users to find courses that help them stay up-to-date on their knowledge and skills

Visit niccs.us-cert.gov to find your next course!

Helpful Resources

▶ Explore the Workforce Framework and download the PushButtonPD™ Tool at niccs.us-cert.gov

▶ Enroll in free training at fedvte.usalearning.gov and fedvtelive@hq.dhs.gov

▶ Find nearby certification courses from the NICCS Training Course Catalog at https://niccs.us-cert.gov/training/search.

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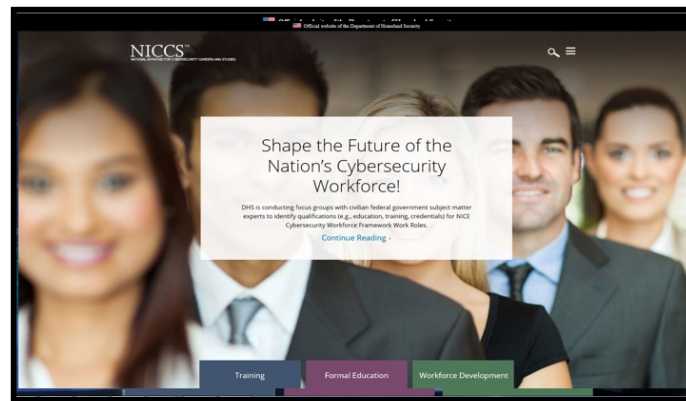Security

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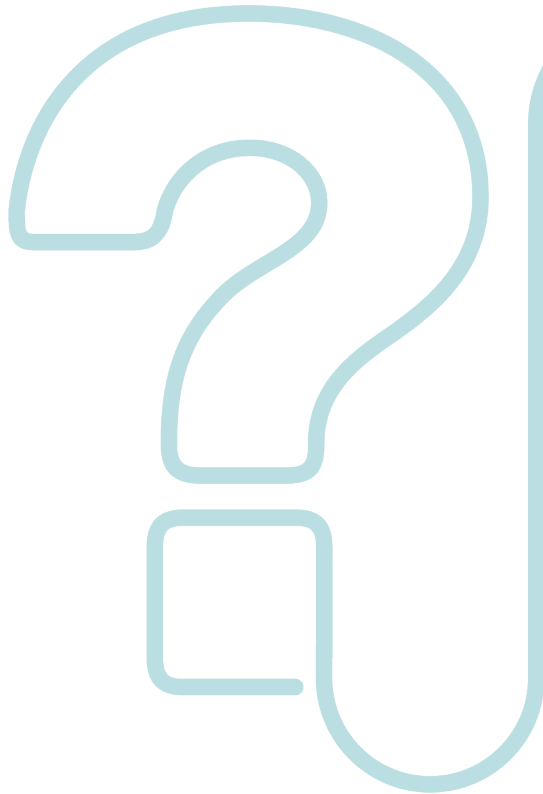
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